

**ABSTRACT**

The present invention provides an apparatus and a method for provisioning services that includes configuring one or more different devices. According to a specific embodiment of the present invention, an apparatus for provisioning a service comprises an information model configured to represent a network resource of said network, to represent said service, and to represent the provisioning of said service, and a processor configured to use a subset of business rules and processes, which can be represented in the same information model, to constrain the implementation of said network resource. In accordance with another embodiment of the present invention, an exemplary apparatus and method governs the manner in which a configuration of a network device is to be created, verified, approved, and deployed.